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Establish Reward Offer in the Murder of Vicente Castillo

On December 23, 2014, at approximately 1:20 a.m., at the intersection of White Avenue and Rose Street in the City of Compton, 19 year-old Vicente Castillo and his friend, Jose Rodriguez, had just finished an early morning workout at a nearby 24 hour gym. While driving home, Vicente saw a vehicle traveling next to them which he erroneously believed to belong to a friend. Vicente followed the vehicle before it suddenly stopped at the intersection of White Avenue and Rose Street. The driver exited his vehicle and angrily approached Vicente and shot him in the chest. After the shooting the driver retreated to his vehicle and fled eastbound on Rose Street.

Severely wounded, Mr. Castillo was able to drive a few houses away from the incident before succumbing to his injuries. His untimely death has been very difficult for his family and friends. Vicente was enrolled as a full-time student at California State University, Long Beach. He had also received a verbal commitment for a full scholarship to play on a developmental team associated with the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer organization in Barcelona, Spain.

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Vicente grew up in the City of Compton and was just blocks away from his residence where the shooting occurred.

Detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau believe there are witnesses to the shooting and the suspect's flight from the area. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau or Crime Stoppers. Detectives believe that a reward offer would be helpful in solving this crime, thus bringing some sense of closure and justice to Vicente Castillo's family and friends.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the murder of 19 year-old Vicente Castillo, who was shot and killed on December 23, 2014, at approximately 1:20 a.m., at the intersection of White Avenue and Rose Street in the City of Compton.

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Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers Hotline
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